GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Telangana Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of **0.4144 ha** forest land **(FP/TG/OFC/419476/2023)** for provision of 4G based mobile services at MHA identified locations in Left Wing Extremism (LWE-II) affected areas from Yelkapalle-Penchikalpet-Gundepalle passing through Bejjur reserve forest of Kaghaznagar Forest Division of Komarambheem-Asifabad District in favour of M/s. Bharti Airtel Limited- Final (Stage.II) approval accorded – Orders – Issued.

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 92 Dated: 15-09-2025

Read the following:-

1. From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S, Hyd.,Ref.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/ 144/2022-FCA Section, Dt:05.11.2023.
2. Govt. Letter.No.4681/For.I(1)/2023, dt:28.11.2023.
3. From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests(Central), GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-Office, Hyderabad, (RO Chennai) Dt.23.01.2024.
4. From the PCCF(HoFF), TG., Hyd.,Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/ 144/2022-FCA Section, Dt:29.08.2025.
5. Govt.Letter.No.4681/For.I(1)/2023, dt:01.09.2025.
6. From the Assistant Commissioner(Forestry), GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-Office (RO, Chennai), Hyderabad, Dt:03.09.2025.

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ORDER

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of **0.4144 ha** forest land for provision of 4G based mobile services at MHA identified locations in Left Wing Extremism (LWE-II) affected areas from Yelkapalle-Penchikalpet-Gundepalle passing through Bejjur reserve forest of Kaghaznagar Forest Division of Komarambheem-Asifabad District in favour of M/s. Bharti Airtel Limited.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests GoI, have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal forwarded vide letter 2nd read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

3. In the letter 5th read above, the State Government have forwarded the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad in his letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Hyderabad, for according necessary approval.

4. In the letter 6th read above, Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal No **(FP/TG/OFC/419476/2023)** under Section-2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby accord final (Stage-II) approval for diversion of **0.4144 ha** forest land **(FP/TG/OFC/419476/2023)** for provision of 4G based mobile services at MHA identified locations in Left Wing Extremism (LWE-II) affected areas from Yelkapalle-Penchikalpet-Gundepalle passing through Bejjur reserve forest of Kaghaznagar Forest Division of Komarambheem-Asifabad District in favour of M/s. Bharti Airtel Limited, under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

1. General Conditions

S. No	Conditions
1.1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged

1.2	The compensatory afforestation scheme, as approved, shall be implemented by the State Forest Department at the project cost within a period of three years from the date of grant of 'Final' approval;
1.3	The User Agency, if required, shall obtain the environment clearance under the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 issued under the Environmental (Protection) Act; 1986;
1.4	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas
1.5	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal
1.6	The User Agency shall ensure that because of this project, no damage is caused to the wildlife available in the area;
1.7	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government
1.8	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government
1.9	The cost of felling of trees, if any, shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;
1.10	Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;
1.11	The State Government, before issuing the final diversion order, shall ensure that the user agency has complied with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and NGT Order(s), including compliance of Forest Rights Act, 2006, pertaining to this project, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
1.12	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of Comprehensive Guidelines of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter dated 29.12.2023.

2. Standard conditions

S. No	Conditions
2.1	N/A

3. Specific Conditions

S. No	Conditions
3.1	The State Government shall raise 100 plants and maintain (for the specific period as per the provision of FC rules 2023) in the degraded forest land of 0.1 Haidentified in Compartment No.55 of Itikyalpahad Beat of Makidi Section of Sirpur Range of Kaghaznagar Division of KumuramBheem-Asifabad District at the cost of the User Agency. The CA shall be carried out as per the time line provided in the FC Rules 2022
3.2	The State Government and the UA shall implement recommendations of the SC NBWL at the cost of the UA, if applicable.

3.3	The User Agency has made paymentRs.13,86,128/-towards CA, NPV and Wildlife conservation / Management Plan (Rs.3,77,000 /- towards CA and Rs.5,09,128/- towards NPV, and Rs.5,00,000/- towards Wild life mitigation/management plan). The levies paid by the UA shall be utilized for the same as per the approved plan/scheme.
3.4	The User Agency shall provide CA in NFL area for compensatory afforestation in lieu of the forest area diverted, if applicable, based on the final outcome in the WP No.1164/2023, which is currently pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The State Forest Department shall ensure that an undertaking from the user agency is obtained in this regard.

6. The Nodal Officer shall be responsible for obtaining the compliance of all the conditions laid down in the Stage-II (final) approval accorded under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

AHMAD NADEEM
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

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//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

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